



ZAP - Zeros Aren't Permitted

Team Genesis will be implementing the ZAP program for the 2009-10 school year. This program is being implemented in an effort to allow parents and teachers a chance to work together in an effort to maximize their student's academic performance.

Rationale: We believe that all students are capable of learning if pushed and encouraged to do so. The ZAP program is just one strategy to help a child experience more success in school. Preparing a student for high school and for life requires us to ensure that each child knows the curriculum, and if a student is not completing assignments a teacher cannot provide an accurate measure of that student's knowledge.

Main Objectives:

- Improved academic performance by students
- Increased sense of responsibility for academic success
- Development of better study habits and higher quality work
- Increased communication between school and home

How this will be done:

- Provide students a "second chance" to turn in their work
- Providing a supervised work opportunity at school
- Not allowing a student to "do nothing"
- Placing a higher expectation on student success

How the program will work:

Step One: Student fails to turn in an assignment or project on time. The student will receive instruction from the teacher to report for working lunch, in the team area, to finish the assignment.

Step Two: If student fails to turn the assignment the next day, the student will be ZAPPED – when student is zapped, they are to call their parent to let them know about the missing assignment and to inform the parent that he/she will need to stay after school to finish the assignment.

Step Three: If the student refuses to complete the assignment when ZAPPED, he/she will be invited to a meeting with the core teachers to create an academic success plan.